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FOR AF/W DIRECTOR THOMAS W. M. SMITH

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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. OF IVORY COAST NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT
PHILIPPE YACE

REF: 77 STATE 14199

1. DELIGHTED TO HEAR THAT GOVERNOR HARRIMAN IS WILLING TO GIVE
LUNCHEON FOR YACE, AND I WILL CONVEY INVITATION TO YACE TODAY OR
TOMORROW. SUGGEST THAT GOVERNOR'S INTEREST IN YACE VISIT BE
CONVEYED TO VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE'S OFFICE, SINCE THIS MIGHT HELP
NAIL DOWN AN APPOINTMENT FOR YACE WITH VICE-PRESIDENT.

2. I THINK WE SHOULD ALSO MAKE STRONG EFFORT TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE
APPOINTMENTS ON CAPITOL HILL, QUITE ASIDE FROM DESIRABILITY OF
RECIPROCATING YACE'S OWN HOSPITALITY TO CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS
HERE. YACE IS STRONG SUPPORTER OF ADMINISTRATION'S AFRICAN POLICY
AND OUTSPOKEN ADVOCATE OF CLOSE US-IVORIAN RELATIONS. REQUEST,
THEREFORE, THAT YOU PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO CHAIRMAN OF
HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, MEL PRICE:

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3. QUOTE:

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN:

YOUR FRIEND AND RECENT HOST AT JACQUEVILLE, PHILIPPE YACE, PRESIDENT
OF THE IVORY COAST NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, PLANS TO VISIT UNITED STATES

UNOFFICIALLY FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS, STARTING JANUARY 27. WHILE HE WILL BE BASED IN NEW YORK DURING THIS TIME, I HOPE THAT HE WILL ALSO VISIT WASHINGTON BRIEFLY. SHOULD HE DO SO, I KNOW THAT HE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE YOU AGAIN AND TO MEET SOME OF YOUR DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE. YACE, AS YOU MAY RECALL, IS PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY'S DESIGNATED SUCCESSOR, AS WELL AS BEING HEAD OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE IVORIAN GOVERNMENT. HE IS A GREAT FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES AND A STRONG SUPPORTER OF CLOSE US-IVORIAN RELATIONS. THE AFRICAN BUREAU OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT CAN KEEP YOU INFORMED OF HIS TRAVEL PLANS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING AN APPOINTMENT FOR YACE WITH VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE WHICH, IF IT MATERIALIZES, WILL DETERMINE TIMING OF YACE'S WASHINGTON VISIT. I SINCERELY HOPE YOUR SCHEDULE WILL PERMIT YOU TO SEE HIM. BEST PERSONAL REGARDS. MONTY STEARNS.

UNQUOTE.
STEARNS

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